

Minutes
Public Transportation Committee
9/8/09

Present: Alex Ghiselin, Jim Nash, John Norton, Elysse Link, Ruth McGrath,
Leslie Stein, Jamin Carroll from VATCO

Public Comment: none

Minutes of 8/12/09 were approved without correction.

Progress on bus stops and signage: Jamin Carroll reported that Mass Highway approved the Florence bus stop/shelter issue today, so the pad can be poured for the shelter and the permits can be filed with DPW. Jamin hopes that the work can be completed within the next couple of weeks. He also said that permits have been filed for 20+ bus stop signs around the city.

Old Business:

Jim Nash suggested that the committee have a joint meeting with the Committee on Disabilities (COD), the Police Dept, the BID and the Chamber of Commerce to discuss plans for snow and ice removal. Jim had contacted the BID over the summer but the response was that they were not ready to discuss the issue. After some discussion about our joint meeting on this topic last year and strategies for next steps, the committee agreed that Jim would communicate with Patti Shaughnessey and that he and Leslie Stein will meet with the COD on Sept 22nd to discuss the process.

Leslie Stein reported that she had contacted the Parking Division office about cars parked in bus stops. Jamin Carroll will ask the drivers if the situations have improved.

The committee discussed the issue of streamlining the permitting process for bus stop signage in the city which is part of the sustainability plan. After some discussion of process, they agreed that Leslie Stein would contact Laura Hanson, the Traffic Engineer at DPW and David Narkewicz, Chair of the Parking and Transportation Commission for direction.

The next meeting of the Public Transportation Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, October 14^h at 4PM.

